

WHY HAINES HOUSE SERVES ALASKA BEST

IN THE CHILKAT VALLEY

Haines, Alaska  
January 8, 1960

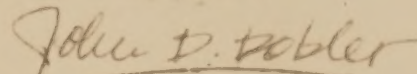
Department of Educational and Medical Work  
Board of National Missions  
United Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.  
475 Riverside Drive  
New York 27, New York

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The Haines, Alaska Chamber of Commerce wishes to respectfully place before you the information contained herein, as we have become aware that you might consider closing or moving the Haines House.

It is our hope that this information will be of value and that you will go forward with plans now in process designed to expand the Home in Haines. We believe this location to be eminently suited to your purpose.

Very truly yours,



John Dobler, President  
HAINES CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



## HAINES HOUSE

Haines House has a long history and rich tradition in Haines, much of which would be lost if the program were moved to another area. The extensive land holdings in Haines could not be equalled in another area even at great cost. This land provides various resources to the program and is especially valuable in terms of long range flexibility. Haines House is one of the better known projects of the Board of National Missions. If it is forced to be closed, the great loss would not only be felt by those who have benefited in the past and others who will need this Christian service in the future, but the loss would also be wide-felt across the nation by many who have believed in and supported this program and would devotedly support it in the future.



Volunteer painters are work-campers  
from Miami University in Ohio

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## PORT CHILKOOT

Adjoining the Haines House property to the south is Port Chilkoot, formerly Chilkoot Barracks, the first U. S. Army Post in Alaska. Purchased in 1947 by a group of enterprising young veterans, it was incorporated in 1956 as a second class town. Situated as it is on the waters of the Lynn Canal and including more than 400 acres, Port Chilkoot is an ideal recreation area and beautifully suited to raising children. The 9-acre Fort William H. Seward Park, the former parade ground, which is central to the community, provides an excellent open grassy playground for children. The buildings, though not new, are soundly constructed and as fire resistant as can be found anywhere in Alaska.



The people of Port Chilkoot are glad to welcome to their community the Haines House "family" at No. 5. The experiment in the "cottage system" seems to be working out extremely well and the youngsters are developing satisfactorily in every way under the excellent love and care shown by the couple in charge. The youngsters are accepted as part of the community on an equal basis with any other family. They play with the neighboring boys and girls of their age as normally as anyone else.

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## ● CHURCHES ●

The Haines area is well provided with churches which could meet the varied needs of the young people from Haines House, whatever their background. Nearest to the institution and connected to it by history and tradition, of course, is Haines Presbyterian Church. The program is an active one, with youth groups and week-day activities as well as Sunday School and morning worship. Five choirs offer opportunities for both young people and staff from Haines House to participate. All activities are on an unrestricted inter-racial basis and provide a chance for "town" and "mission" to meet on common ground. While Haines House children and staff have been required to attend the Presbyterian Church in the past, it is also true that for some of the young people one of the other churches in the area could provide an atmosphere more like that of home.

Unfortunately, the Roman Catholic Church is represented in Haines only by a mission which is visited at irregular intervals by a priest from Skagway and cannot carry on a steady ministry. Boys and girls at Haines House of Catholic background have found little activity in their own church. However, Haines has also the Assembly of God, located about two blocks from Haines House, which could very adequately minister to young people of Pentecostal background. It has a resident minister, an attractive new building and is very active, especially in child evangelism.

The Haines Baptist Church, about six blocks from Haines House, is a branch of the Southern Baptist congregation of Juneau. It also has a resident minister and an active program beyond the Sunday schedule though limited by the small membership. It was only recently established in Haines but promises to grow in the future.

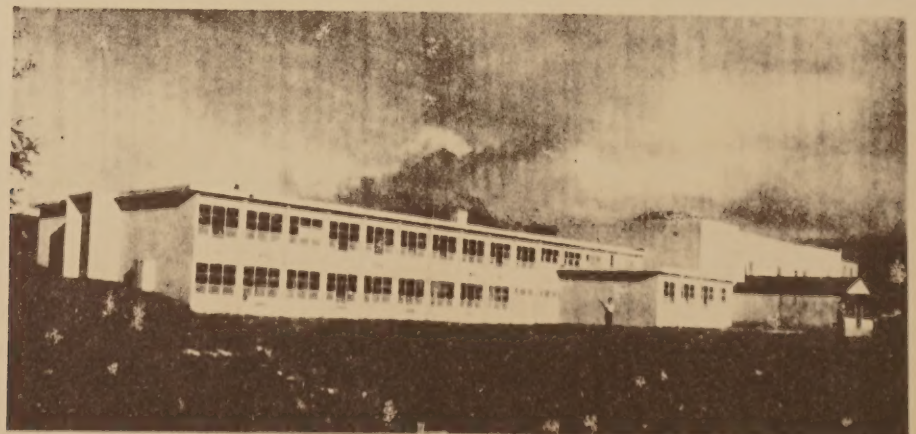
In nearby Port Chilkoot, the Port Chilkoot Bible Church is an independent church of fundamentalist leanings. Its founder and pastor is a graduate of Bob Jones and Moody, ordained by the Independent Fundamentalist Church. It has an active Sunday School as well as worship activities, and could quite well minister to Haines House young people from communities where such groups as the Salvation Army are strong.



## SCHOOLS

At the present time 53% of the Haines High School enrollment is consisted of students who are 1/4 to full blood Native. In the whole school 47% of all students are of the same degree of Native blood as mentioned above. There are 10 boys on our high school basketball team of which 6 are Native boys. Four of these 6 are previous Haines House children. All of the high school girls now living at Haines House are members of the present drill team. The tumbling group, band, school orchestra and dance orchestra all include children who are now at Haines House or who have previously lived at Haines House.

The above mentioned information is a very good indication that children who are residents of Haines House are readily assimilated into the Haines School society. We doubt very much if there is another community where these children could make such a rapid and thorough adjustment as has been experienced here at Haines. Therefore we feel that Haines, Alaska should remain as the site for Haines House and the type of Alaska's children that need the help of this institution.



Haines High School and Grade School  
Photo shows rear of building and  
playground area



## LIBRARY

Of the many Alaskan towns with public libraries of one size or another, most are housed in rented, temporary or remodeled buildings. Haines has one of the only three in the State which were actually built as libraries, the other two being in the much larger communities of Juneau and Anchorage. The new fire-proof concrete building houses a growing collection of over 4,000 volumes, available free of charge to all residents of the area. The annual circulation figure, which stands at a bit over 3500 demonstrates the extent to which the library facilities are being used by citizens both young and old.

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## MEDICAL FACILITIES

Medical and dental facilities include the services of both a full time private physician and dentist. Their offices are located in the Health Center, a city-owned building located three blocks from the center of town and four blocks from Haines House. They are equipped for all standard office procedures including minor surgery, X-ray and laboratory diagnosis. The physician was attracted to Haines largely as a result of a service contract with the Board of National Missions of the Presbyterian Church. The people of Haines want to see this support continued and have enthusiastically done their part by supporting his private practice. In addition to this their enthusiasm is demonstrated by the fact that during the past year there have been private donations totaling \$1400 for building improvements and \$3400 for the purchase of a Volkswagen ambulance. A modern general hospital with surgical, obstretical and general medical service is accessible at Juneau, a 45-minute plane flight from Haines.

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## SCOUTING

BOY SCOUTS: Over the past several years, the Haines area has had an outstanding record for Scouting. In 1957 it had the largest percent of boys at the National Jamboree in Valley Forge, Pa. The main theme at that time was the Tlingit Indian dances and crafts. The result was the incorporation of Alaska Youth, Inc. - a non-profit corporation dedicated to the perpetuation of the Northwest Indian art, lore and culture. Boys and girls were taught the crafts and a Chilkat dance team was organized. The Chilkat Dancers became known nationally and in August 1959 eleven teenagers were taken on tour, eight of whom were of Indian blood. Several of these were welfare children. The group performed at the Seattle Seafair, the Oregon Centennial and the Inter-tribal Dances at Gallup, New Mexico, winning the grand prize at the latter event. At the present time, the three Scout units are under the sponsorship of the Haines Presbyterian Church, Rev. Hartmann serving as head of the Cub Pack. William Wiley of Haines House serves as Troop leader and Carl Heinmiller acts in the capacity of advisor to the Post and is also Director of Alaska Youth, Inc. Donations to the fund raising drive this year averaged a record \$2.40 per adult.

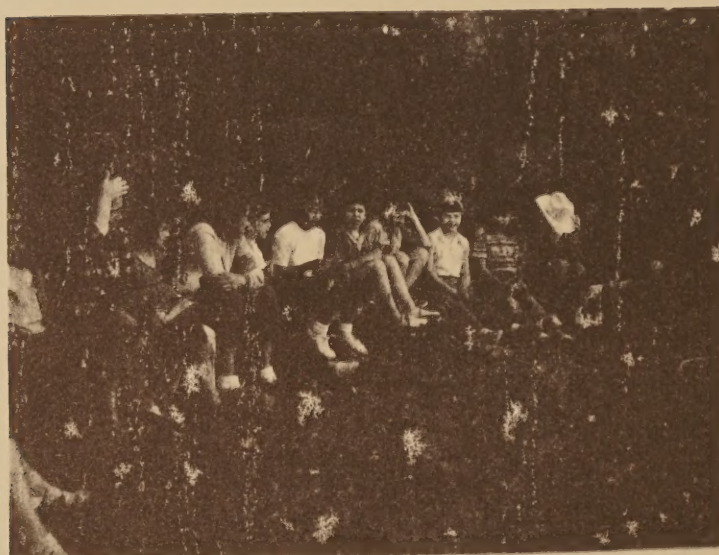


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GIRL SCOUTS: Of special interest to girls 7 to 17 is the Girl Scout program which has been in existence in Haines since 1930 except for a brief interlude during the war when many things of this nature were inactive. At present seventy-six girls and leaders are registered in Brownie, Intermediate and Senior Scout activities. Funds have not been solicited for any of their work as is done for many youth organizations, but from time to time various individuals and organizations make very helpful contributions. Over one-third of the expenses were raised with the help of the community through dinners, food sales and the like to send four of the twelve girls of the 1959 Senior Troop to the Senior Girl Scout Roundup in Colorado last year. This was the largest percentage of attendance of any troop in the nation.

In camping, Haines is in the unique position of being able to exchange international visits with the Canadian Girl Guides in Whitehorse, Yukon Territory. Several Guides register for camp here each year. Eighteen of our Girl Scouts made the trip to Whitehorse when the troop was invited to join the Girl Guides and the Canadian Boy Scouts to greet Queen Elizabeth and Prince Phillip last summer.

Of the total number of girls in the Haines School, the following percentages are not merely registered but active in Scouting.

Brownies	Intermediates	Seniors
Grade 2...100%	Grade 5....90%	Grade 9...50%
Grade 3...100%	Grade 6....63%	Grade 10...17%
Grade 4....80%	Grade 7....20%	Grade 11...64%
	Grade 8....30%	

4-H CLUB: A new effort to serve the youth of Haines is the 4-H movement. At present this young organization has but six active members, but it is felt that this type of activity will harmonize well with the life and available facilities of Haines House.

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#### CLIMATE

Combining ocean-tempered mild coastal temperatures with typical interior clear/dry type weather, Haines is ideally situated to take distinct advantage of both features. More sunshine and less precipitation is received at Haines than at any other southeastern Alaskan community. However, even with this preponderance of clear days, temperatures are mild with -16 degrees as the lowest ever recorded and 90 degrees the highest. Averages are, of course, much different and actual below-zero weather is very rare, as are any summer days above 75 degrees. The annual average is approximately 41 degrees and the annual precipitation between 55 and 60 inches, making this an area well suited for agricultural development.



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January 5, 1960

Dr. Phillip H. Jones  
Haines, Alaska

My dear Dr. Jones:

Miss Gladfelter is still absent from the office due to a recent eye operation and is limited in the amount of reading she can do, but she has seen your letter of December 19 and has asked me to write and say that she greatly appreciated your writing and feels sure that it will be helpful to have the friends of Haines House heard from.

Miss Gladfelter has also asked me to add that it is a great pleasure to remember her visits with you while she was in Haines and that your presence in the community continues to be a major asset to the program.

Very sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Marjorie S. Daniels  
Secretary to Miss Gladfelter  
Department of Educational  
and Medical Work

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Haines Alaska

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Board of National Missions  
156 Fifth Ave New York 10 N.Y.

Miss Katharine E. Gladfelter

Mr. Thos. R. Cox

Mr. L. H. Tubus

and to whom it may concern

Dear Organization:

Needless for me to write this letter as, most of you know where I stand regarding the mission at Haines Alaska. They are wonderfully organized and, are allway trying to improve life and friendship

Have been around these parts for more than 30 years and have had a great deal of favors to ask of the Mission staff in that period of time, not always for myself but of time for the community. Never have they turned me down or caused me any anxiety



It sure would be a terrible blow to the state, Society and this community if this mission closes its doors.

Now that the Skagway mission has closed and talk of this one doing the same, just who is going to take care of children who are not responsible for being here?

And what better organization can do the job than the one already set up?

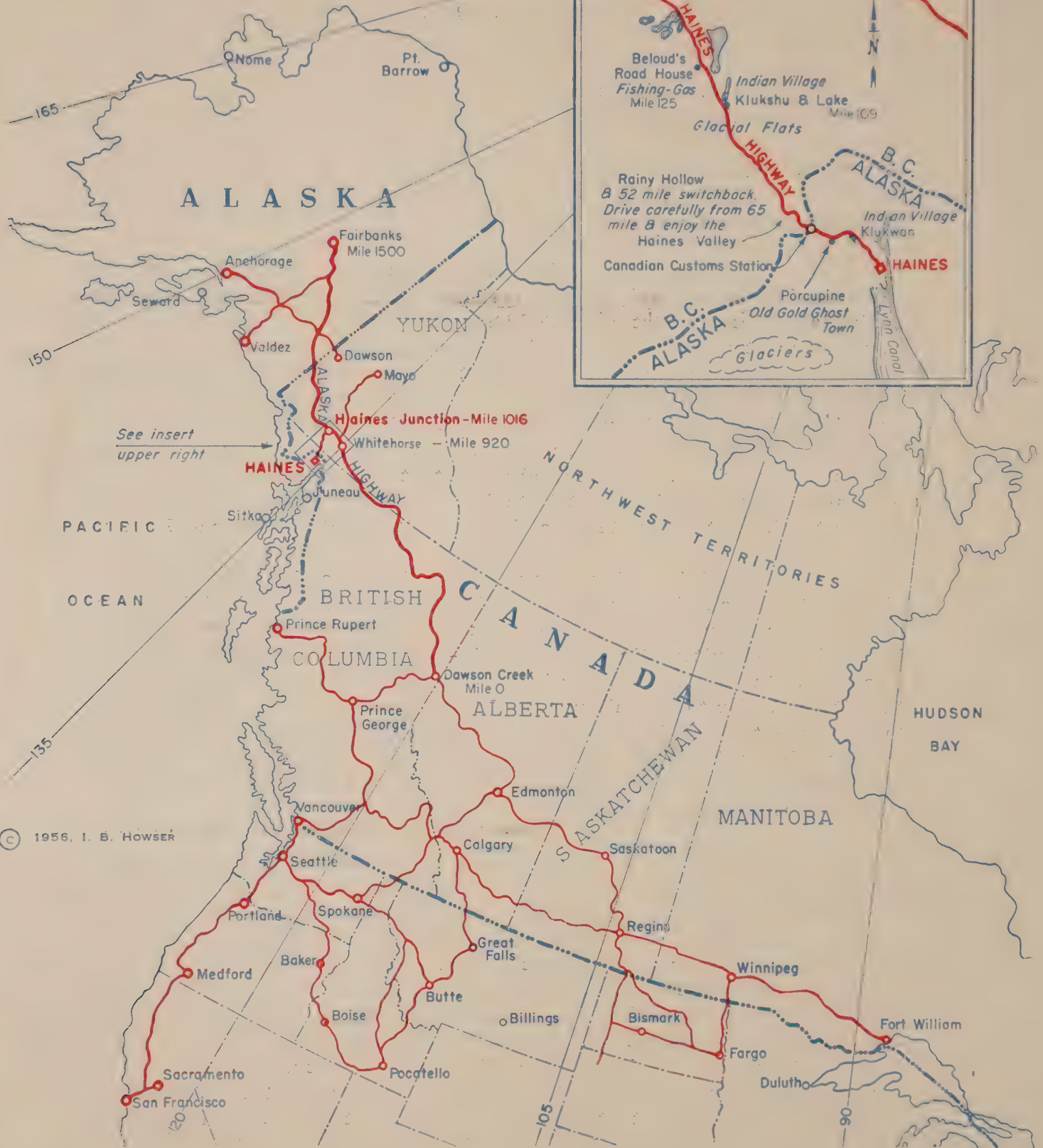
I am ashamed when I look back over my past years to see the faults of Haines and this community. It seems like someone had to stop or at least try to, some of the things. For that reason maybe am not the best as Haines see it.

If you should go ahead with the new program (which I pray you will) and I can be of any help. be sure and call on me.

Sincerely yours  
W. Muncester  
Box 13 Haines Alaska

# HAINES, ALASKA

*The town with the Greatest Industrial Potential*





*Gen. Att.*  
Haines Public School

HAINES, ALASKA  
WM. L. JAHN, SUPERINTENDENT

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January 7, 1960.

Miss Katharine E. Gladfelter  
Board of National Missions  
475 Riverside Drive  
New York City 27, New York.

Dear Miss Gladfelter:

Since 1948 Haines House youngsters have been attending our schools. Gradually, more and more of these youngsters have been assimilated into our entire school program. At the present time, Haines House youngsters and former Haines House youngsters are taking part in all phases of our program. Four of the present basketball team members are former Haines House boys. All the girls now at Haines House are on our High School Drill Team. Some of the Haines House youngsters play in our Pep Band and Dance Orchestra. They take part in all class parties and school functions. We strongly feel that over the years these youngsters have made a good adjustment in their school life. Every effort is made by our teachers to make these children a vital part of our school community.

Haines House youngsters with special problems have been aided in their school work by our various teachers. The individual attention which is necessary has been given them. With our small classes, problems in reading and arithmetic have been pin-pointed and special help given. Because of the limited number in our classes, we have been able to provide the vital help for these children. In numerous cases, in a larger school these youngsters would have been lost completely, thus becoming confused and later becoming discipline problems. We feel we have been able to aid where aid has been needed because of the close relationship that has developed between our teachers and their students.

\*// One of the most crucial problems facing our new State of Alaska is the assimilation of Native people into the dominant Western Culture. We feel we have one of the best opportunities to help these youngsters to learn and make this vital adjustment. It would be extremely difficult for us to attempt to reach the present adults. We feel keenly that our approach in working through the children of Native origin will bring about a solution to this many-sided problem. At the present time, our high school is made up of 53% Native youngsters. Our entire school consists of 47%. In this type of situation, we believe we can best help and stimulate these youngsters in making the necessary adjustment to this problem that has plagued Alaska. Therefore, we believe that Haines House youngsters can be helped in our school system. Especially, when one considers the basic problem underlying

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# Haines Public School

HAINES, ALASKA

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Miss Katharine E. Gladfelter (cont'd)

the chief reason for the need of Haines House in Alaska. Many of these youngsters coming from broken homes, either caused by drink or disease, are given a new lease on life. They learn a new set of values that will aid them in their future lives, thus eliminating the repetition of the experiences of their parents.

Over the years we have had problems in reaching our goals regarding Haines House youngsters. Two years ago we did have a vital problem concerning the sharing of information received at Haines House on their new youngsters. We took a strong position in desiring this information that would help our administrators and teachers in aiding these children. With the fine cooperation of Miss Isabelle Miller, Mr. William Wiley, and Mr. Eugene Zinck of the Welfare Department, we have developed a working arrangement which could easily be the pioneer experiment in relations between local schools and child-caring institutions throughout the State. Records are now shared prior, or at least as soon as possible, on all new youngsters coming to Haines House from other communities. Reports go out from the school every six weeks to Haines House and the various agencies responsible for these youngsters. These reports contain the grades given, comments by the teachers, and other important information. Every effort is made to share and work together for the benefit of the youngsters. Confidential and extremely personal information is restricted in use in the school. This information is only available to our Principal.

We definitely feel that our school is doing the type of job with Haines House youngsters that is needed and vital to their growth and development. We believe that this has come about by our understanding and working with Haines House. We strongly urge you to consider these factors in making any decision that would withdraw Haines House youngsters from our school community.

Yours truly,

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF THE HAINES  
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT.

B. H. Howell President.

Helen Lenn Clerk.

Alton E. Nelson Treasurer.

John H. Hannon Member.

Karl O. Constock Member.



Gen. Atty - JAN 19 1960

DEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE  
Department of Educational and Medical Work  
Board of National Missions

TO: Miss Katharine E. Gladfelter

DATE: January 15, 1960

FROM: William D. Wiley

STATION: Haines House, Haines, Alaska

SUBJECT: Community Relations

You will recall that during our discussion of community relations on your recent visit to Haines, that I expressed my opinion of a strong loyalty and devotion towards Haines House on the part of the community, especially by some of the older residents. I also expressed that the scattered criticisms can always be expected, and for the most part were from uninformed individuals. It has been further pointed out to me that a high proportion of these critical persons are not even residents of Haines. The favorable response that the Advisory Committee members and myself have received in our presentations has been all but overwhelming to me. I think by this time you probably have received a good number of letters from individuals and groups, including the brochures made up by the chamber of commerce on a very short notice, and which I feel is a real credit to that group. In the various meetings, many of the advantages which Haines House brings to the community, including some of the hidden advantages were brought out, but the approach and feelings of these groups was that the community needed to sell itself to the board, rather than emphasizing the direct benefits they received because of Haines House being in the community. If you feel there may still be question as to whether the community of Haines wants Haines House, or whether it is the best location for Haines House, let me know because I feel the community would not stop short of sending a representative to New York, if this would be of any further help.

I believe the recent shift in control of the City government is another important factor to be brought out. It is a known fact that for a good number of years, that bar owners, bar tenders, and some of their most frequent customers have been in control of the city government. As you know, I was elected chairman of a voluntary citizens' committee to investigate and make recommendations on our city government. Despite the fact about half of the committee was made up of continual antagonizers, I was able to guide and direct this group so that all but three of the thirty recommendations which we finally made were accepted, even by the city council which we had under fire. I think this, in part at least, was an encouraging factor for Rev. Hartmann to run for city council, at which time he received more votes than any other candidate. I also feel it was an important step in achieving a complete reform in our city government where the liquor interests completely lost out, and church members have full control. I think it is also significant to note that even the chamber of commerce only elected one person from the liquor interests on their eight member board of directors in the recent election. I was not only re-elected to the board of directors, but was also elected treasurer of the group by the board. I point these things out in an effort to show that after a good number of years of avoiding our civic responsibilities, we at Haines House and the church have now taken an active interest in the city government. I feel that the majority of the citizens have highly approved of this, and have shown it by strongly backing us. This has resulted in a complete, and yet diplomatic defeat of the liquor interests which formerly controlled our community.

*William D. Wiley*

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*P.S. Although we have not asked the groups for copies of their letters Mr. McDowell & I would appreciate copies for our files if you can have them made up.*

January 18, 1960

Mr. John C. Fox  
Mayor, Haines Common Council  
Haines, Alaska

My dear Mr. Fox:

We have received your letter of January 8, written in behalf of the Haines Common Council, and are very glad to have the assurance of the Council that you feel the program has the support and confidence of the community.

It is very helpful to have such testimony as this and to know that you hope to see Haines House remain in the community and grow with the community in the years ahead.

Very sincerely yours,

Katharine E. Gladfelter  
Secretary, Department of  
Educational and Medical Work

KEG:md  
Dictated by Miss Gladfelter  
but signed in her absence

cc: Mr. William D. Wiley



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# HAINES COMMON COUNCIL

HAINES, ALASKA

January 8, 1960.

Department of Educational and Medical Work,  
Board of National Missions,  
United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.,  
475 Riverside Drive,  
New York 27, New York.

Attention: Katharine E. Gladfelter.

Dear Miss Gladfelter:

[The Haines Common Council wishes to state that it is cognizant of the program being carried on by Haines House and of the service rendered to the children under its care.

We feel that the program has the support and confidence of the community.

We hope to see Haines House remain with us and grow with us through the years ahead.]

Very truly yours,

HAINES COMMON COUNCIL

  
John C. Fox - Mayor

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January 18, 1960

Mrs. Felix F. Hakkinen  
Chairman, Americanism and Youth  
American Legion Auxiliary Unit 12  
Haines, Alaska

My dear Mrs. Hakkinen:

We have received your letter of January 6, written in behalf of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit No. 12, and greatly appreciate the interest of the organization.

It is very good to know that you feel that the type of work Haines House is doing is needed in Alaska, and that you hope the Home will continue to be an integral part of community life in Haines.

It is very helpful to have such testimony as this, and I hope that you will express our appreciation to the Unit at its next meeting.

Very sincerely yours,

Katharine E. Gladfelter  
Secretary, Department of  
Educational and Medical Work

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cc: Mr. William D. Wiley



*Immed. Att.*

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# SHELDON'S STORE

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Felix F. and Elisabeth S. Hakkinen

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HAINES ALASKA

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January 6, 1960

Department of Educational and Medical Work  
Board of National Missions  
United Presbyterian Church in the USA  
475 Riverside Drive  
New York 27, New York

Attn: Miss Katharine E. Gladfelter

Dear Miss Gladfelter:

[We of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit No. 12 were much disturbed to learn that there was a possibility that Haines House might be abandoned or moved from Haines. As you no doubt know, a large share of the work and interest of the Auxiliary is with children, welfare and Americanism. We feel that Haines House is a fine example of Americanism at work for the benefit of our children, especially the underprivileged ones, of our great new State.

We feel that, while a year ago many extraordinary problems developed in Haines House due in part to "growing pains", more careful screening of children and staff has resulted in the development of an even more important service to children than was being realized under the former policies.

Our organization, as the sponsor of the Girl Scout units in the area, is very familiar with the problems of youngsters of the ages now in Haines House, and for this reason we can probably better appreciate the work done there than can many other civic groups.

We sincerely hope that Haines House will continue to exist and to perform its very useful function for the youth of Alaska, and that it will always be an integral part of our life here in Haines.]

Sincerely yours,

*Elisabeth S. Hakkinen*

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(Mrs. Felix F.)

Chairman, Americanism and Youth  
American Legion Auxiliary Unit 12  
Haines, Alaska

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January 18, 1960

Mr. Hansel Hebert  
Clerk of Session  
Haines Presbyterian Church  
Haines, Alaska

My dear Mr. Hebert:

We have received your letter of January 5, written in behalf of the Haines Presbyterian Church, and are very happy to have the thoughtful statement which your letter contains.

It is helpful to have the analysis of the services of the Church in relation to children and youth, and to have the comments about the excellence of the public school and constructive community activities, such as the scouting program.

We are glad to know that the Session feels that the community has much to offer in the type of mission service given by Haines House, that the youth of Alaska need this type of Home, and that you hope that the Board of National Missions will continue to maintain such an institution in Haines.

Very sincerely yours,

Katharine E. Gladfelter  
Secretary, Department of  
Educational and Medical Work

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Haines, Alaska  
January 5, 1960

Miss Katherine E. Gladfelter  
Board of National Missions  
United Presbyterian Church U.S.A.  
475 Riverside Drive  
New York 27, New York

Dear Miss Gladfelter:

We understand the question of the location of Haines House is possibly coming before the Board for discussion. Therefore, this letter is an attempt to express the feelings of The Haines Presbyterian Church and community through the session. We feel our church is unequalled in Southeastern Alaska with its program of worship and fellowship designed to bring the word of Christ to the community including the children of Haines House.

The worship services are attractive to young people indicated by the fact that attendance is constantly at the capacity of our pews and at least one half of these are young people. As a part of the services the choirs offer many opportunities for adults and youth alike. Our records show an average enrollment in this program of 89. At present eighteen youth and three staff members of Haines House are included in this figure.

Our Sunday School has an average attendance of one hundred fifty. This offers the teaching of Christ to everyone from cradle-roll through adult classes which includes the children and staff of Haines House.

The Junior and Senior High Fellowship programs help to fulfill the spiritual need and presents a portion of the problems and solutions of life through the church. This also is a major point at which youth of Haines House and Haines unite. In addition to this the church has a Community Recreational Program at the 'Rec Hall' which brings the youth of these two factions together in a social period.

The Haines Public School is one of the top ranking schools in Alaska. This is manifested by the fact that it is on the accredited list. It is small in size which is a great advantage in the teacher-pupil relationship. It has an outstanding music program. The counseling and vocational guidance program also has been noted as one of the very best offered.

The scouting program is sponsored by our church. This includes a wide variety as it has Cubs, Scouts, and Explorer activities. It is the only inter-racial troop that is actively working in Alaska. Haines House shares an active part in this and has seen several of their boys attend the Jamborees. (National) The Girl Scouts also have many members from the home. They, too, carry a well rounded program.

We feel that the community on the whole has much to offer the Haines House child. As past records show every child has been invited into homes on Thanksgiving and at Christmas with much enjoyment for all concerned. Many of these children upon reaching adulthood have settled here showing their liking of the area.

The community offers a number of part time jobs to these children.

The foster-home situation bears notice as testimony by Mr. Zinek of the Welfare Department shows and we quote: "Haines has shown more activity in foster homes than a city the size of Juneau."

Bearing all these good tidings in mind, we mustn't overlook the fact that every situation has complaints. These have been few. With the change of the City Government we feel, there will be closer and truer association with Haines House. The high standards of the school has been a contention in the past but is being cleared up by the

counseling service, remedial teacher at Haines House, and a change of policy.

Our thoughts are that this community has more to offer this type of mission work than any other region in Alaska. The youth of Alaska need this type of home and our desire is that the Board of National Missions continue their efforts towards maintaining such an institution in Haines.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Hansel Hebert".

Hansel Hebert  
Clerk of Session  
Haines Presbyterian Church



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Miss Nadean Humpherys  
Corresponding Secretary  
Haines-Port Chilkoot B.P.W.  
Haines, Alaska

My dear Miss Humpherys:

We are very glad to have your letter of January 6, written in behalf of the B.P.W. organization of Haines, to express the interest of the members in Haines House and their feeling that it is an asset to the community.

It is a great help to have such testimony at this time and to have the assurance that, if the funds of the organization permit, you would like to contribute to the furnishing of a child's room at the Home when the renovation of the buildings reaches this stage of development.

With our sincere appreciation,

Very sincerely yours,

Katharine E. Gladfelter  
Secretary, Department of  
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Department of Educational & Medical Work  
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New York 27, New York

Att: Katharine E. Gladfetter

Dear Members:

[The F.I.W. organization of Haines has been informed by the advisory committee of Haines House of the problem that presently confronts that institution: that the Home has been granted only temporary licensing by the DPW which expires July, 1960 and unless improvements are made on the building the Home will be closed.

The members of this group wish to go on record as sincerely opposing the closing of Haines House. We feel that this institution is an asset to our community and that we have much to offer its children in general community interest and good schooling. ↗

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Sincerely,

*Nadean Humpherys*

Nadean Humpherys  
Corresponding Secretary



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Mr. W. Muncaster  
Box 13  
Haines, Alaska

My dear Mr. Muncaster:

Thank you very much for your letter of January 7 written in behalf of Haines House.

You have been a good friend of the Home over the years, and we have always felt that you were one of the members of the community we could count on both for understanding and for practical help. Your letter assures us that our feeling is justified, and we all appreciate the services which you have given in the past and the help you have offered for the future.

Very sincerely yours,

Katharine E. Gladfelter  
Secretary, Department of  
Educational and Medical Work

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Dictated by Miss Gladfelter  
but signed in her absence

cc: Mr. William D. Wiley

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January 28, 1960

Mr. B. F. McDowell  
P. O. Box 165  
Haines, Alaska

My dear Mr. McDowell:

The office has sent me your letter of January 7 and I want you to know how much we appreciate your writing about Haines House in your joint capacity as a member of the local Advisory Committee and a merchant in Haines.

Mr. Wiley told me when I was in Haines recently that you had served as Mayor of Juneau, so we are particularly interested in your comments as to the greater degree of participation by native and part-native children in community activities in Haines than in Juneau. This is, I believe, one of the advantages of a smaller community and it is good to have someone who is thoroughly familiar with Juneau point this out.

While I am writing, may I say how pleased we are that you were willing to accept membership on the new Advisory Committee. We were sorry not to have you with us at the meeting in November and I shall look forward to talking with you on my next visit in Haines.

Very sincerely yours,

Katharine E. Gladfelter  
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*Haines Food Center*

BERT AND BETTY MCDOWELL

HAINES, ALASKA

January 7, 1960

Miss Katherine E. Gladfelter  
Board of National Missions  
475 Riverside Drive  
New York 27, New York

Dear Miss Gladfelter:

As a member of the local Advisory Board for the Haines House, and as a merchant of Haines, I wish to present some facts for consideration by your Board before you make a decision to move the Haines House facility from this area.

Prior to moving to Haines, I served as Mayor of Juneau (the capital city of Alaska) for two and one-half years and during that time was very close to juvenile problems and activities. In spite of efforts on the part of the Boy Scout and other organizations, native and part-native children seldom participated in activities considered important during youth development years. This was also noticeable in the athletic and other activities sponsored by the schools, as it was difficult for these children to win much acclaim in a large enrollment of about 2,000 students.

In contrast I have found in Haines an attitude of complete acceptance by the people of the community toward native and part-native children of all ages. An outstanding example of this is the fact that eleven of these children have been taken into family homes where they enjoy a feeling of security with foster parents. They participate at all times in Scout, music and athletic activities including traveling to other towns in Alaska and to other States.

Although the small enrollment of students in the Haines High School in no way limits its scholastic standing, it does allow for participation of all the students in their many activities.

I trust you will agree with me that these are very important factors in determining the location of a children's home such as Haines House.

Very truly yours,

  
B. F. MCDOWELL

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Haines, Alaska  
January 28, 1960

Department of Educational and Medical Work  
Board of National Missions  
United Presbyterian Church in USA  
475 Riverside Drive  
New York 27, New York

Attention: Miss Katherine E. Gladfelter

Dear Miss Gladfelter:

It has been brought to our attention that there is a possibility that Haines House is to be removed from this area. It has been rumored that you have received letters of complaint from a disgruntled few - we, of the majority, have not written previously as to how we feel.

Our community members are very much concerned over this matter and are writing to you at this time to request that Haines House be allowed to remain here, for the following reasons:

1. since the founding of Haines House was the beginning of Haines, it would seem as though the town would lose its historical background;
2. the Community would lose at least 50 per cent of the religious association which they have come to depend upon. The Haines House workers have always been a fine addition to our community, serving it in many ways and respects.
- ✓ 3. it would cut the school staff by at least two teachers, and this, in turn, would affect the entire school curriculum, consequently depriving the local resident children of many advantages. It would also leave unused school facilities planned with Haines House children included.
- ✓ 4. it would probably cause Haines to lose both its one doctor and dentist which are so necessary to the welfare of our community.
- ✓ 5. it would be a very great loss to the community, socially and economically. Economically, the loss of Haines House would seriously affect every business house in Haines, which have built their businesses upon the foundation that Haines House would always be a part of Haines.



6. with the new screening program and a local board, it seems apparent that previous problems that have arisen in this small community would be things of the past. So far as Haines House children are concerned, there is room for them here, the climate is one of the best in Alaska, the location is ideal, they are a welcome asset to the community, and add very much to the community. ~~This is not to say that there is no discrimination.~~ 1/23 of our school children are quarter-breed or more native. majority of our basketball team are quarter-breed or more. Because of this high percentage, these children from Haines House adjust themselves more readily here, take part in extra curricular activities, and adapt themselves socially in the community and school within a short time. In our town there is no discrimination between native and white children.

We sincerely request that you will take all things into careful consideration, and decide that your obligation is to continue to allow Haines House to remain in Haines.

Very truly yours,

*May S. Kelly*  
Mrs. May S. Kelly

Chairman, Haines Indian Club

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Miss Helen Fenn  
Clerk, The School Board of the  
Haines Independent School District  
Haines Public School  
Haines, Alaska

My dear Miss Fenn:

I am writing you as Clerk of the Haines School Board to express our very sincere appreciation for the letter from the School Board relative to relationships between Haines House and the public school.

The School Board has certainly supplied a very clearcut and encouraging statement. I am particularly interested in the comment about the assimilation of Native people. I was conscious of this during my recent visit in Haines when I was able to observe several different school activities, and I certainly agree with you personally that this is one of the strong features of the school and community program.

It is very good to have your assurance that you feel the school is doing a vital job for the Haines House youngsters, that there is a good spirit of understanding in relation to the Home, and that you hope these factors will be kept in mind as the future of the Home is considered. I can assure you they will be as I plan to see that your letter is presented to the committee which will shortly review the report from the Department of Public Welfare and the Fire Marshal.

Very sincerely yours,

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Secretary, Department of  
Educational and Medical Work

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Katharine E. Gladfelter

Haines House Community Relations

You have by now received copies of our replies to several letters received from community groups. I am sorry that, as requested in the post script of your letter of January 15, we did not send you copies of the Haines letters, but we are now making good this omission and are sending copies of the last two letters received, those from Mr. McDowell and from the School Board.

I am hoping that, if any additional letters are to come in, they will be received within the next day or two as we must complete this week the material to be presented to the Study Committee. Mrs. Daniels, to whom I am dictating this letter at home, tells me that the brochures made up by the Chamber of Commerce have been received, and I am eager to see a copy. The response of the community has certainly been heart-warming and I hope very much that this will be recognized by the Study Committee.

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but signed in her absence

COMMUNICATIONS FROM HAINES RE HAINES HOUSE

- 1-- Haines School Board: by the Board Members

Copy of letter attached

- 2-- Haines Presbyterian Church: by Hansel Hebert, Clerk of Session

Copy of letter attached

- 3-- Haines Common Council: by John C. Fox, Mayor

"The Haines Common Council wishes to state that it is cognizant of the program being carried on by Haines House and of the service rendered to the children under its care.

"We feel that the program has the support and confidence of the community.

"We hope to see Haines House remain with us and grow with us through the years ahead."

- 4-- Haines Chamber of Commerce: by John Dobler, President

Brochure attached

- 5-- City of Port Chilkoot: by Carl Heinmiller, Mayor

Copy of letter attached

- 6-- American Legion, Committee on Americanism and Youth: by Mrs. Felix F. Hakkinen, Chairman of Committee

"We of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit No. 12 were much disturbed to learn that there was a possibility that Haines House might be abandoned or moved from Haines. As you no doubt know, a large share of the work and interest of the Auxiliary is with children, welfare and Americanism. We feel that Haines House is a fine example of Americanism at work for the benefit of our children, especially the underprivileged ones, of our great new State.

"We feel that, while a year ago many extraordinary problems developed in Haines House due in part to 'growing pains', more careful screening of children and staff has resulted in the development of an even more important service to children than was being realized under the former policies.

"Our organization, as the sponsor of the Girl Scout units in the area, is very familiar with the problems of youngsters of the ages now in Haines House, and for this reason we can probably better appreciate the work done there than can many other civic groups.

"We sincerely hope that Haines House will continue to exist and to perform its very useful function for the youth of Alaska, and that it will always be an integral part of our life here in Haines."



7-- Haines-Port Chilkoot, Business and Professional Women: by Nadean Humphreys, Corresponding Secretary

"The B.P.W. organization of Haines has been informed by the advisory committee of Haines House of the problem that presently confronts that institution: that the Home has been granted only temporary licensing by the DPW which expires July, 1960 and unless improvements are made on the building the Home will be closed.

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8-- Mr. Bert McDowell: leading businessman and Chairman, Haines House Advisory Committee

Copy of letter attached

9-- Dr. Phillip H. Jones: local doctor; has contract for services to Haines House

"It has come to my attention that the institution of Haines House might be closed or moved to a different community.

"I feel that this would be a grave error, resulting in loss to the children of Haines House and loss to this community.

"Haines offers a near ideal environment for your children. This is an area of many interracially mixed families and this fact means that your children of Indian blood are not looked upon as being foreign or substantially different than the other children here. They live within two blocks of the school and thereby are able to walk to and from school like children living in normal homes. It is not necessary to group them and put them on a special bus as might be necessary in a larger city. They are able to participate in the school activities to a degree that would not be possible in a larger city.

"The people of this area have taken many of your wards into their homes as foster children. This is a contagious thing and in this small town, the idea spreads rapidly. This can be expanded and encouraged here, far better than could be in a city.

"Unfortunately critics are usually more vociferous than admirers. We know that from time to time you have received letters criticizing Haines House

and their program. These are from people who do not represent the majority opinion here. I wish to take this opportunity to encourage you to continue Haines House, and perhaps increase the scope of its work if that would be possible."

10- Haines Emblem Club by Dons. May A. Kelly, Chairman  
Copy of letter attached



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February 5, 1960

REPORT OF STUDY COMMITTEE ON  
EDUCATIONAL AND MEDICAL INSTITUTIONS, CONT'D

Tucson Indian Training School, Cont'd

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Haines House, Cont'd

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In order that the Board might continue its active concern for neglected and emotionally disturbed children in Alaska, it was VOTED that the Cabinet on Missionary Operation make a study of the needs of such children and of provisions in Alaska for meeting them, and report to the Board at the April meeting.

Statement on Closing of Institutions

To prevent false information reaching the Church, it was VOTED that the General Secretary make a statement explaining the actions of the Board on the closing of mission institutions.

The Administrative Secretary reported that he would convey to the National Missions Committee of the Synod of Washington the Board's action on Haines House, as would be done in the case of the Tucson school.

It was also VOTED that a letter be sent by the Board President to the Governor of Alaska so he would be assured that there was no lack of interest on the part of the Church in meeting the problem.

Statement to Be Made in April

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## REPORT OF DIVISION OF MISSIONARY SUPPORT

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Missionary Support, Dr. Turner, asked that the present discussion be suspended in order that Dr. Hall could present his report on the Cuba Seminar, and this was APPROVED.

### Report on Cuba Seminar

Dr. Hall spoke with enthusiasm of the Cuban Seminar in which he and Mrs. Hall participated from January 15-25. He found the Cubans a happy, friendly, hospitable people. The Cubans told of their desire for friendship with the United States and asked for our prayers and our understanding.

Although the Protestants number 300,000, 6% of the population, the Catholic majority is that in name only. There is absolute religious freedom. All leaders in our schools, churches, and the Union Seminary are nationals. Presbyterians number 4,500; there is one self-supporting church. In an evangelistic campaign there were 800 converts. Every church has two or three missions.

The mother of six children cried on the shoulder of one of our workers, "Nobody ever treated us with love and kindness before. We have been a forgotten people." This is turning the world upside down. Here is missions at its best.

"The challenge before us is nothing less and nothing more than to give Christ to the Cuban people," Alfonso Rodriguez told the members of the seminar.

It was VOTED to express appreciation to Dr. Hall for his splendid report on Cuba.

## REPORT OF STUDY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATIONAL AND MEDICAL INSTITUTIONS, CONT'D

### Haines House, Cont'd

The General Secretary restated actions taken in connection with Haines House. The Administrative Secretary emphasized the intent of the Board, with the closing of Haines House, to do something about the children presently at the House and to examine the whole area of the problem.

### Immediate Statement on Closing of Institutions

It was VOTED to RESCIND the previous action on the withholding of a statement until after the April meeting and to APPROVE instead the following:

That immediately an interpretation of the action of this meeting be made to the constituency, including a statement from the General Secretary which can be used by the interpretive staff; that special letters be sent to the Governor of Alaska and to the Synod of Washington about the actions on Haines House. These letters will give assurance that the Board has no desire to withdraw its help from the field.

## INTERCHURCH CENTER

Mr. Edgar asked permission to speak of a plaque that would honor Dr. Morse in a sculptured panel over the escalator in the lobby of the Interchurch Center. It is hoped that \$15-20,000 would be received from Presbyterians for this purpose and for the Interchurch Center.



Additional recommendation from the Headquarters Council:

Alaska Ministry

That a two-boat ministry be provided for Southeastern Alaska, as approved by the Cabinet on Missionary Operation.

The Headquarters Council voted that the above be recorded as an expression vote; not all departments were represented, and the question of the right to vote was not raised.

The Headquarters Council did not approve the Cabinet's recommendation that \$18,000 be appropriated from National Missions Buildings and Repairs Funds for the renovation of the Motorship Princeton-Hall, it being part of the Cabinet's action to designate the Princeton-Hall as the second boat in the Alaska ministry.

Children's Work in Alaska

The Headquarters Council received as a matter of information the report to the Board from the Cabinet on Missionary Operation on children's work in Alaska. The report is as follows:

The Cabinet received the Report of the Committee on Children's Work in Alaska. It was voted that institutional work be continued in Alaska; that the Cabinet go on record as favoring continuation at Haines, limited to pre-adolescent children in accordance with the recommendation of the Committee pertaining to operations, with the understanding that building needs be considered on their merits.

It was voted that the Cabinet favor Family Counseling Service as recommended by the Committee.

It was voted to ask Dr. Jackman to advise the Synod of Washington of this action and ask if the Synod had anything to add.

It was taken by consent that this decision be discussed unofficially with the Study Committee. It was voted to instruct the Committee to prepare its report for presentation to the Board.

It was voted to receive the report as a whole and discharge the Committee.

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HAINES HOUSE PROGRAM

1-- Purpose

Therapeutic group care of emotionally-disturbed children aged approximately ten to sixteen (inclusive) from any part of Alaska.

Efforts to be made by the Field Case Worker to make other plans for those younger or older than these ages unless it is desirable to keep a family group together for a time.

2-- Outline of Program

Home living in small groups

Education in public school

Participation in program of local Presbyterian Church. Also

Christian Education program in the Home

Participation in community activities

At the public school

Orchestra

Girls Drill Team

Basketball Teams

Parties, etc.

Other

Boy and Girl Scouts

4-H Clubs, etc.

Adequate medical and dental care

Case work services as needed

3-- Admission Procedures

(1) Referrals to come through:

Field social worker

Presbyterian churches and ministers

State and Federal Welfare Agencies

State:

Welfare Department

Board of Juvenile Institutions

Federal:

Bureau of Indian Affairs--Welfare Department

Private sources, i. e. families

(2) Careful screening to be done by Field Social Worker, the executive of Haines House, and the resident case worker.

(3) Information to be shared confidentially with the principal of the public school which the children attend.

4-- Intake

(1) Boys and girls to be grouped separately on admission.

(2) Tests to be given by the public school and mutual determination made as to whether a child should, for a time, work with the special teacher available at Haines House, or whether he is ready to adjust satisfactorily in the public school.



Classes in the public school are small and the principal and the teachers are deeply interested in the Haines House children so that the majority will undoubtedly be placed directly in the school.

- (3) Planning for eventual placement to be made from the beginning by the agency responsible, the executive of Haines House, and the resident and field social workers.

#### 5-- Steps in Care

- (1) Children to be moved from in-take quarters to one of three cottages (to be Board operated) in the community when the executive of Haines House, and the resident case worker, determine that they are ready for a freer, family-type setting.

As the cottages are erected they would be planned to be as flexible as possible so that both boys and girls might be housed in a single cottage, or boys only or girls only might be so housed depending on the composition and needs of the total number of children under care at any given time. If possible, each cottage would be in charge of houseparents, i. e. a couple, rather than a housemother only.

- (2) Any children working temporarily with the special teacher to be placed in the public school by mutual agreement between the principal, the executive of Haines House, and the resident case worker.
- (3) Children to be moved from the cottages to foster homes in Haines by mutual decision of the agency responsible, the executive of Haines House, and the resident case worker.
- (4) Follow-up of children in foster homes to be done by the agency responsible unless Haines House is requested to give assistance in supervision.

#### 6-- Placement

Children to be returned to their own homes or to relatives, or otherwise provided for satisfactorily through joint planning of the agency responsible, the executive of Haines House and the resident and field case workers.

It is recognized that "satisfactorily" means the most feasible arrangement for each particular case.

IMPORTANT: THE ABOVE PROGRAM IS NOW IN OPERATION WITH TWO EXCEPTIONS. THERE IS NOW ONLY ONE COTTAGE (RENTED) IN USE IN THE COMMUNITY AND A RESIDENT CASE WORKER HAS NOT YET BEEN RECRUITED THOUGH FINANCING IS AVAILABLE. ALSO, THE STATE EXPECTS TO ADD A PSYCHIATRIST TO THE MENTAL HEALTH TEAM WHICH SPENDS SEVERAL DAYS IN HAINES AT REGULAR INTERVALS.

January 30, 1960

HAINES HOUSE

Capital Needs, Staff and Budget

1-- Capital Needs

	<u>No. Housed</u>	<u>Cost</u>
(1) <u>Maximum Building Program</u>		
Three cottages in the community	24 to 30 children 3 houseparents	\$130,000 (\$80,000 in hand)
Two intake cottages on "main" grounds	16 children 2 houseparents	80,000
Administration Building		
Offices		
Executive		
Office Secretary		
Field Social Worker		
Dining Room and Kitchen		
Laundry		
Staff quarters	5 adults	75,000
Guest room		
Garage; Maintenance Shop; heating plant (?)		20,000
Farmers' Cottage (replacement)	1 adult and family	15,000
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	40 to 46 children 11 adults	\$320,000 Gross
Less amount in hand		80,000
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		\$240,000 Net

Note: The executive lives in a separate cottage and the resident case worker, when secured, would live in the Stoney Cottage (Board owned but "off campus").

(2) Minimum Building Program

Three cottages in the community	24 to 30 children 3 houseparents	130,000 (\$80,000 in hand)
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	<u>No. Housed</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Renovation present buildings for continued use as:		20,000
Offices		
Intake:		
Girls (8)	16 children	
Boys (8)		
Dining Room and Kitchen		
Staff rooms	7 adults	
Laundry		
Farmers' Cottage (replacement)	1 adult and family	15,000
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	40 to 46 children	\$165,000
	11 adults	
Less amount in hand		80,000
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		\$ 85,000 Net

2-- Staff

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
Executive	)	
Office Secretary		
Dietitian		
Remedial Teacher and Christian Education		
Field case worker		
Resident case worker		Same
Five houseparents		
Relief houseparent		
Farmer-maintenance		
Laundry Supervisor		
Nightwatchman		
Doctor (contract basis)		
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3-- Budget

	<u>1960</u>	
Salaries	\$42,775	\$43,000
Operating		
Maintenance)		
Provisions )		
Upkeep )		
Equipment )	33,060	41,000
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	75,835	84,000
Less Field Receipts	20,000	28,000
Net	<hr/>	<hr/>
	\$55,835	\$56,000

February 5, 1960

Rev. C. E. Polhemus, D.D.,  
1104 17th Ave. N,  
Seattle 2, Washington.

Dear Polly:

For six or seven years now our Special Committee on the Study of Educational and Medical Institutions has been trying to analyze the situation in Haines, Alaska. As you know, the type of work there has changed radically from the earlier days when it was an orphanage and a school. During recent years we have emphasized the service to children with emotional problems.

The Board took action today to discontinue the present services at Haines House. A second action was in fulfillment of our operating procedures which the Board itself established, that the Board would consult with the Synod organization with respect to any major changes in program. This probably can be carried out on the 23rd, 24th and 25th, when you are meeting in Alaska. At that time I think the new Administrative Council will meet and you will have representatives from Alaska.

A further action of the Board expressed its continuing concern for the children who are now at Haines House, and it was understood that the Board would work with authorities to see that these children are properly provided for, there being no specific date for the termination of the work in Haines.

The purpose of the consultation, of course, is to present the Board's point of view to the Synod and Presbytery representatives in taking such major action, and to receive any information or become acquainted with any points of view in the field which would bear on such a decision.

The Board also took action confirming its continued interest and concern for child care of the type of persons at Haines House in Alaska, and referred to the Cabinet of Missionary Operation the task of trying to determine the opportunity and obligation of the Board for any possible activity in this field. The Cabinet met and John Park Lee has been named Chairman of a committee to try to gather information about the child care situation in Alaska, and also ~~has~~ been asked to confer with other denominations about what the church as a whole ought to be doing in this field. We shall be glad to have you, or any representative of the Synod, participate in this work if you so desire. The Board has asked that a report be made to it at its April meeting.

I'm writing this to you officially and asking you to share it with the Chairman of your National Missions Committee and anybody else who ought to be informed, because I do not have that information available easily and Earl Jackman is home with the flu.



#2 C.E.P.

I am sorry it appears now that I can't be with you on this matter late in February, but I have missed the last two meetings of the General Board of the National Council of Churches, and feel that I just must go to this one which is going to be held in Oklahoma City. I'd much rather be at this discussion, and if it could be held any time that I could be there, I would make a special trip out. The General Board meets in Oklahoma City on Wednesday, and Thursday the 24th. I might be able to make it on the 23rd or the 26th if that were possible at your end.

I won't go into the background of this action by the Board because that all will be brought out when we have our consultation with you. If there is any question about all this, or you want details, please write me, and certainly if there is anything further to be done we want to do it, and we will look forward to getting together on this matter at the time I have suggested, or some other time which you suggest.

I shall assume that you will notify any representative of the Presbyteries in Alaska that you think ought to know about this in its present stage, since they are related to the Synod, and you will know best what steps ought to be taken. We have to be careful that this kind of an announcement is not broadcast and distorted, but you will know best how to handle it. As I said before, we will be glad to hear from you and have any suggestions you care to make.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

ALEXANDER E. SHARP

Administrative Secretary

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATIONAL AND MEDICAL WORK  
Board of National Missions

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February 8, 1960

Mr. William W. Fritchard, Jr.  
214 Fourth Avenue  
Juneau, Alaska

My dear Mr. Fritchard:

I cannot tell you what mixed feelings I had when our telephone conversation ended a couple of minutes ago. It was such a relief to know that as difficult as this is you would arrange your schedule to go over to Haines on Wednesday, and yet, at the same time, I had such a feeling of personal regret for the reasons for your trip. You understand these I know since I felt as we talked that we see eye to eye about the need for services to children in Alaska, and the value of what Haines House has been trying to do.

Now for a word about the materials you requested:

#### BOARD ACTION

The minutes are not yet in final form, but Mrs. Wester has supplied a draft from which I think it is safe to quote confidentially the following material:

"VOTED: To approve the closing of Haines House and that, in order to follow through on our responsibility for the children who are now at Haines House and to meet the needs of similar children in Alaska, the Cabinet of Missionary Operation make a study of the needs of children in this particular area of emotional disturbance in Alaska for report to the Board at its April meeting.

"VOTED: That a letter be sent by the President of the Board to the Governor of Alaska so that he would be assured that there was no lack of interest on the part of the church in meeting the problem.

"VOTED: That the General Secretary prepare immediately an interpretation of the action of the Board to be sent to the constituency and used by the staff of the Board. Also that a communication be sent to the Synod of Washington. These letters will give assurance that the Board has no desire to withdraw its help to children in need."

#### NEWS RELEASE

I have not yet secured final word as to whether this material is to be sent to the newspapers or used in interpreting the Board's action to the constituency. In any case, in using it in Alaska please do not refer to the section on Tucson since we will not be able to notify the Tucson staff before Friday, February 12.

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LETTERS TO BE FILLED IN BY THE HAINES HOUSE STAFF

Copies of this are enclosed. A supply is being mailed to Mr. Woelk.

With respect to the date of closing, no time was set but it was understood that Mr. Wiley and Miss Miller, working with the appropriate public agencies, would arrange placement for the children now in the House by the close of the summer.

I had thought originally that I would write Mr. Zinck, but I am not now doing so since you hope to be able to talk with him. I do hope that he and any other persons concerned with the welfare of children will be in a position to make strong statements about the continuing need both as to type, place, etc.

May I say again how much we appreciate your concern and your help in this difficult and unexpected situation.

Very sincerely yours,

Katharine E. Gladfelter  
Secretary, Department of  
Educational and Medical Work

KEO:md  
Encs.

cc: c/o Haines House  
Haines, Alaska

cc: Mr. Wiley

P. S. I have just received a copy of Dr. Sharp's letter to Dr. Polhemus, so have had it duplicated as some of the information which it contains may be helpful.





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Haines House, thirty-nine-year-old United Presbyterian (U.S.A.) children's home in Haines, Alaska, will be closed within the next six months, according to recent action of the denomination's Board of National Missions, which underwrites the Haines program.

In announcing the Board's decision, the national missions general secretary, Dr. Kenneth G. Neigh, noted that the action was taken upon the recommendation of a special study committee that has been surveying all national missions educational and medical projects including Haines House for a number of years.

The move, Dr. Neigh said, reflects the conviction that the Board of National Missions can better express its concern for the welfare of Alaskan children through other services.

Dr. Neigh emphasized that another way will be found "to carry out the basic intent of the work that has gone forward at Haines House."

The decision to close the mission home was "precipitated by conditions calling for a major building program," Dr. Neigh said, as well as by a careful evaluation of the Haines operation against the total program and need of the Church.

A committee was appointed immediately after the Board's decision was made. This committee is to gather data about the welfare needs of Alaskan children. Its report is expected to be the foundation for a new kind of United Presbyterian service

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to Alaskan children.

Until a new program can be developed, missionaries at Haines House and the United Presbyterian social case worker in southeast Alaska, Miss Isabel Miller of Juneau, will work closely with officers of the Department of Health and Welfare to find other ways to care for the 38 children now at the home.

In addition to Haines House and the family case work service Miss Miller provides, the United Presbyterian Board of National Missions aids a wide variety of programs in Alaska. These include Sheldon Jackson Junior College and radio station KSEW in Sitka, a hostel for Eskimo girls moving into Fairbanks, two motorships in the southeast, a mission plane at Barrow, and 28 churches.

Haines House was opened in 1881 as a school. It was converted into a hospital in 1907, and into a children's home in 1921. In recent years it has cared for a growing number of emotionally disturbed children. In spite of the good rating the Alaska welfare department has given the new Haines program, the home recently received only a six-month renewal of its license because its buildings are judged inadequate.



February 11, 1960

Mrs. May S. Kelly  
Chairman, Haines Emblem Club  
Haines, Alaska

My dear Mrs. Kelly:

Your letter of January 28, written for the Haines Emblem Club, arrived just in time to be included with letters from organizations in the community which were presented to the Board at its meeting last week.

By now you have undoubtedly received the news which we so greatly regretted sending that the Board decided to terminate its services at Haines House within the next six months. The major reasons for the decision were the fact that the unfavorable reactions made a year or so ago had greatly impressed several members of the staff and of the Board, that the cost of rebuilding to fully meet licensing requirements would be high, and that there was a real question as to whether taking the long look ahead Haines was the best location for a substantial investment of capital funds.

The letter from your organization was particularly helpful in indicating the advantages which the community offered Haines House and which Haines House brought to the community, and I can only say that we greatly appreciated the interest and concern which prompted it.

Very sincerely yours,

Katharine E. Gladfelter  
Secretary, Department of  
Educational and Medical Work

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cc: Mr. Wiley

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My dear Miss Craig:

We are not quite sure of the time schedule with respect to notification to community groups about the closing of Haines House, since the tentative decision which Mr. Pritchard and I reached when I talked with him early this week was that we would ask the local members of the Advisory Committee to make the announcements.

I am, therefore, enclosing letters to Dr. Jones and to Mrs. Kelly of the Emblem Club with the request that, if the announcement has been made, you see that these are delivered.

I am also enclosing copies of this correspondence for your files.

Very sincerely yours,

Katharine E. Gladfelter  
Secretary, Department of  
Educational and Medical Work

Miss Eleanor Craig  
Haines House  
Haines, Alaska

KEG:md  
Enc.



February 11, 1960

My dear Mrs. Walters:

By now you have heard of the Board's decision relative to Haines House and will have in hand a set of the forms which we are asking each staff member to fill in. If you will indicate on this your desire for a transfer, we will be glad to see just what suitable opening we will have as of next fall.

I had not forgotten my promise to write you about a possible summer training school, but have been waiting for final word about a short course to be held in Chicago. This will be for houseparents and will be for a five-day period from July 18 to 22.

Mr. and Mrs. Wiley will be here today and we will plan for vacation periods for the staff. It is possible that we may have to schedule these a little later in the summer than normally, in order to insure having enough people on hand to help with the final details.

Very sincerely yours,

Katharine E. Gladfelter  
Secretary, Department of  
Educational and Medical Work

Mrs. Ella Walters  
Haines House  
Haines, Alaska

KEG:md  
cc: Miss Irvine

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Haines, Alaska

Miss Katharine E. Gladfelter, Sec.  
Department of Educational & Medical Work.  
475 Riverside Drive,  
New York 27, N.Y.

Dear Miss Gladfelter:

First may I say I am glad to learn, from Miss Miller, that your eye surgery was successful. It is my hope and prayer that you continue in good health for the heavy load you carry.

As I write this Mr. Wiley is on vacation and this month is a fateful one for Haines House. I am so new in mission work <sup>but</sup> to say that I am not a little concerned about Haines House is putting it mildly. I have signed my contract and told Mr. Wiley I would stay another year. As I told him during our interview, if the board decided against continuing Haines House we would have to believe that they were guided in their decision as we were guided in ours to go into mission work. It is my prayer that God's words will be remembered by all the board.

Two other things are on my mind. First, if we do not continue here, please help me to stay in mission work even if I must go back into office work somewhere. Second, so far I've heard nothing concrete about training courses for this summer. My vacation is set up for June 15 to July 15 but can be extended either way with Mr. Wiley's consent.

I will be waiting to hear from you sometime around March 1<sup>st</sup>.

Please extend my best wishes to Miss Isbister.

Very Sincerely yours  
Mrs. Ella Walters



Dr. E. Rolland Armstrong

February 11, 1960

Katharine E. Gladfelter

Sheldon Jackson Junior College

Closing of Haines House

We realize that the news about the Board's decision to close Haines House will be a shock to you, and so I want to share some confidential information which will give you a little more background than the general news release which is enclosed.

You know that location has longed been question by some persons, and to my personal regret this point of view prevailed in the Board meeting despite some seven or eight splendid testimonies which we had received from groups in Haines testifying to their desire to have the Home remain there. There was also the question as to whether, since we have been taking mainly emotionally disturbed children, we were not overloading the public school. In any case, the Board could not bring itself to make the sizable capital investment in Haines which would have been required to bring the Home up to acceptable standards.

Since Mr. Wiley is in the States on vacation, I telephoned Mr. Pritchard on Monday morning, and he was to go over to Haines yesterday, February 10, to convey news of the Board's action to the staff and plan with the local members of the Advisory Committee for the announcement to the community. I am now enclosing for your information a copy of my letter to Mr. Pritchard and also a copy of the letter which I sent yesterday to Mr. Zinck.

You will, we know, stress in any comments which you make about the decision on Haines House the fact that the Board feels it has a responsibility to provide continuing services for the children of Alaska, and that a report is to be made at the April Board meeting. I have been wondering more and more whether some decentralized type of operation, such as that suggested in the letter to Mr. Zinck, would be feasible.

I, of course, telephoned Mr. Wiley on Monday and he and Mrs. Wiley are to be here today so that we can clear directly the details connected with the closing of the Home. We have set a tentative date of September 1 for closing so that we will have ample time to plan for the placement of the children and for transfers of staff members who wish to continue with the Board and for whom there are satisfactory openings elsewhere.

It is probable that we will wish to transfer some of the Haines House equipment to Sheldon Jackson, but I will write you about this a little later.

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Encs.

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# BOARD OF NATIONAL MISSIONS

OF THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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To: Presbyterian and Synodical Presidents  
Presbyterian and Synodical Treasurers  
Presbyterian and Synodical National Missions Secretaries  
Presbyterian and Synodical World Service Secretaries  
Presbyterian and Synodical National Missions Sewing Secretaries

Dear Friends of National Missions:

From time to time the members of the Board of National Missions adopt new action related to the projects and program of National Missions. Such action was taken by Board Members at their regular February meeting related to Tucson Indian Training School in Tucson, Arizona, and to Haines House in Haines, Alaska.

It is always our desire in the Women's Department to share information of changing projects and program in National Missions with women leaders immediately after such action is taken. For this reason, we send this special letter to you for your sharing with the women of your organization. The following information brings you up-to-date on Board action related to projects and program which have been closely related to National Missions interpretation in Women's Organizations. As you inform yourself in the study of this interpretation, will you bear in mind that all action taken by the Board of National Missions is based on prolonged study and research of situations. All such action, which concludes work as it has existed, always includes projected plans for pursuing the needs of the areas involved in new, realistic services.

The following statement has been issued by Dr. Kenneth Neigh, General Secretary of the Board of National Missions:

"The Board of National Missions reached a decision at its February meeting to close two of its long-standing institutions, Tucson Indian Training School in Tucson, Arizona, and Haines House in Haines, Alaska, within the next six months.

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"The Board was emphatic on this point. In each case, it was stressed, other ways will be found to carry out the basic intent of the work that has gone forward at Tucson and Haines. In taking its action, the Board recognized that this is a time of accelerated change everywhere, that operating standards for schools, hospitals, and welfare services are climbing, and that Church needs are growing. It is a time in which every project must be weighed against the total program and need of the Church.

"Every effort will be made to provide for the youngsters now living at Tucson Indian Training School and at Haines House. The new national missions educational counseling service will immediately begin to work with the Tucson students and their families to make other arrangements for their further schooling. Under the program roving field counselors work with Indian, Spanish American and Negro families to help young people find suitable schools and needed financial help. Missionaries at Haines House and the national missions caseworker in southeast Alaska will work closely with the state's welfare department to find other ways to care for the 38 children presently at the mission home.

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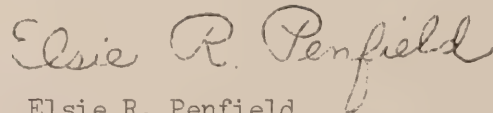
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"The Board of National Missions will continue to concern itself with the school programs of Pima and Papago young people, as well as with others now on the Tucson campus, through its new educational counseling service. If private homes can be found, arrangements will be made for some students to live in the city while they complete their work at Pueblo High."

Faithfully yours,



Elsie R. Penfield  
Secretary, Women's Department

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DEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE

Department of Educational and Medical Work

Board of National Missions

TO: All Executives

DATE: February 11, 1960

FROM: Katharine E. Gladfelter

SUBJECT: Board Actions -  
February Meeting

You will understand, I know, with what personal regret we send you the enclosed copy of the news release covering actions taken by the Board at its meeting last week relative to Tucson Indian Training School and Haines House.

You will note that while services in their historic forms are to be discontinued, the Board has expressed a continuing concern for the welfare of the Indian students of Southern Arizona and the children in Alaska. Positive steps to express this concern are to be worked out and so we urge that in sharing the news release with your staff you stress the encouraging aspects of the actions.

We have communicated directly with the executives of the stations concerned and are already working with them on placements for children and staff members. This news release is the statement which is being sent to newspapers and which Miss Penfield and Miss Gillespie are distributing to women's organizations throughout the church.

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Statement by General Secretary Kenneth G. Neigh on Board Action re Haines House and Tucson Indian Training School.

(Not for release before February 13.)

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HAINES HOUSE  
Haines, Alaska

February 1960

Franklin sprawled on the living room floor. His chin was propped on one hand, and with the other he drew imaginary pictures on the living room rug, all the while kicking his heels in a rhythmic beat. Roy and Leroy goodnaturedly wrestled each other for the same chair. Hazel Mae and Rita Mae whispered and giggled. The older children, called from their activities, waited impatiently.

The Rev. William M. Pritchard, Jr., Assistant Secretary for Work in Alaska, faced the young people of Haines House and the family unit assembled in the living room of the home. Quietly, but gently, he brought to them the message that he had delivered to the staff earlier in the afternoon--that by a recent action, the Board of National Missions had voted to close Haines House in its present form, this closing to take place in the early summer of 1960.

The brief meeting was over. Franklin hopped up from the floor, and dashed quickly to his room, intent on finishing his latest tinker toy creation. Leroy and Roy resumed their contest for the chair. Nita sat glumly, staring at the floor. Geraldine, our only orphan, for whom Haines House means home, rushed upstairs to weep inconsolably into her pillow. Miss Miller, the Board's Social Worker retreated to her office followed by a line of young people anxious to talk with her about their future. Back in their departments, the houseparents were busy reassuring and counselling with the young people as they thought over and became aware of what the closing meant. Then the record players were turned on, sounding more raucous, more strident, louder than usual, but the staff said nothing. It was easier that way. It is difficult to be reassuring when there is a lump in the throat, and the unshed tears are ready to spill over at the slightest provocation. The thought came--let the children have their fun now...who knows what life will be like for them next year...so much to do for them...so little time left to do it. After bedtime, the silvery beams of the almost full moon kept silent vigil with many restless, tossing occupants of the home. The moccasined tread of the nightwatchman, and the click of his key in the clock marked the hours of the long night. The "countdown" with its inevitable tensions had begun.

The decision to close the home was "precipitated by conditions calling for major building program." In making its decision, the Board did not in any way close the door to the important work done at Haines House. Immediately after the decision was made, the Board appointed a committee to gather information concerning the welfare needs of Alaskan children. Its report is expected to be the foundation for a new kind of United Presbyterian service to Alaskan children. Mr. John Park Lee, a member of that committee will be in Alaska the first week in March to investigate this need.

We wish to express our grateful appreciation to you who have supported our work for these many years with your gifts of material and spiritual aid. We are especially grateful to Mr. Pritchard for taking on the difficult task of breaking the news to our children. We were too closely involved to do it. To us, the vague "needy children of Alaska" are the very real and dear Pearl, Alice, Charlotte, Albert, Sig, Freddie, Edwin.....



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We have one final but very important request that we should like to ask of you. We ask that you will pray that the need of the children of Alaska for a continued program of social service will be made apparent to the committee appointed to study the situation. Pray that the "extension of the gospel of Jesus Christ in all its fullness and His service in all its implications" to the youth of Alaska will continue to be an important part of the work in Alaska. We ask that you will especially pray for the twenty-six children who are here now--that they will find the loving care they so much need. Pray that the staff, in the difficult and trying days ahead may give a vital and convincing witness of trust and faith in the God and Father of us all.

We know that for all concerned this will be a difficult time of adjustment and change. There will doubtless be endless discussions, pro and con, about the merits of the decision, but without having all the facts, and seeing the complete picture, hasty judgments cannot be made. Haines House has faithfully served the young people of Alaska for the last 39 years. Its antiquated buildings now present more of a hazard than a haven. The time will quickly draw near when the door will swing quietly but firmly shut for the last time. The corridors and rooms will be silent and still, and the well worn steps will no longer creak and groan protestingly under the exuberant steps of youth--but other doors will open, perhaps to greater opportunities and fields of service. Perhaps if Haines House itself could speak, it would close with these words of the dying Arthur in Tennyson's *Morte d'Arthur*.

"The old order changeth, yielding place to new,  
And God fulfils Himself in many ways,  
Lest one good custom should corrupt the world.

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I have lived my life, and that which I have done  
May He within Himself make pure! but thou  
If thou shouldst never see my face again,  
Pray for my soul. More things are wrought by prayer  
Than this world dreams of. Wherefore, let thy voice  
Rise like a fountain for me night and day.  
For what are men better than sheep or goats  
That nourish a blind life within the brain,  
If knowing God, they lift not hands of prayer  
Both for themselves and those who call them friend:  
For so the whole round earth is every way  
Bound by gold chains about the feet of God.  
But now farewell."

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Very sincerely yours,

THE MISSIONARY STAFF OF HAINES HOUSE.



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Fairbanks, Alaska

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Brian H. Cloworth,

February 17, 1960

Dr. Kenneth G. Neigh, General Secretary  
Board of National Missions  
475 Riverside Drive  
New York 27, New York

Dear Dr. Neigh:

I am shocked to hear that Haines House is to be closed shortly by the Board of National Missions. I presume the study group who made the decision was well informed and represented the people most directly affected.

How do you justify this action in light of what the Board officially reported to the General Assembly, Minutes of G.A., Part II, 1959, page 51? To quote, "Haines House has shifted its emphasis...a new opportunity for pioneering service in keeping with the past and present policy of the board to 'meet change with change'...there is a crying need...Haines House cannot begin to meet the great and growing need... This is an integral part of the total evangelistic approach to the mission in Alaska." Less than one year later the House is closed!

The action of the board hardly follows the official report of the board to the church. I cannot help but feel the board has acted in bad faith with the church in Alaska.

This, it seems to me, is one more chapter in the growing saga of how the board is loosing out in Alaska. I pled (as Assistant Secretary for Work in Alaska) for some basic policies of the board towards Alaska. In conversations with the Synod of Washington, the Synod tried to understand what the board was doing in Alaska. When one of the Synod Executives asked the General Secretary what he should say on his first visit to Alaska he was told, "speak in vague generalities." I have talked to every board official from New York who visited Alaska about this. Each has expressed concern in this area of planning but that is as far as it has gone. As long as the board says one thing to the church on "Challenge in Community Service", and then turns around and closes Haines House, an "integral part", then I see that confusion still reigns and the Presbyterian ministry in Alaska will continue to decrease wherever the board has responsibility.

Sincerely yours,

*Brian H. Cloworth*  
Brian H. Cloworth



Mr. William D. Wiley

February 19, 1960

Katharine E. Gladfelter

Haines House

c/o Mr. James Thompson

Rumley Street

Jewett, Ohio

Notes Made Relative to  
Staff During Your Recent  
Visit in New York

This is to put into writing the notes which I made relative to the staff during your recent visit in New York.

TO BE CONSIDERED FOR TRANSFER

Miss Craig

Mrs. Walters

Mrs. Legare

Mrs. Wood

NOT TO BE CONSIDERED FOR TRANSFER

Mr. and Mrs. Barrett

Mr. and Mrs. Woelk (Have Resigned)

QUESTIONABLE

Mrs. Grell (Has Resigned)

Mrs. Canine (May wish to be with aged parents)

I am enclosing for your own use, two sets of materials to be used in connection with any request for a leave of absence for study. One of these is the application for a leave, while the other provides the essential information as to plans for study, financial needs, etc. I am also enclosing a pamphlet of general information about the Church and Community course at McCormick. I have asked Mr. Lee and Dr. Suerken to send you information about possible sources of scholarships.

KSG:md  
Encs.

P. S. I almost failed to include the statement that staff members should have any vacation due this summer. Will you please explain that when a station is closed by action of the Board we pay travel to home or to the next assignment if there is a transfer.



# BOARD OF NATIONAL MISSIONS

OF THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

475 RIVERSIDE DRIVE, NEW YORK 27, N. Y.

RIVERSIDE 9-2200

February 19, 1960

To Churches Sponsoring the Work at Haines House, Alaska.

Dear Friends:

Your church has had a special interest in Haines House and you are one of the first to be notified of the Board's action taken February 5 to close this mission station within six months.

As you will see from the enclosed statement issued by Dr. Kenneth Neigh, General Secretary of the Board, this decision was reached after deliberate and prolonged study by a special committee as well as by the Board at its February meeting. Immediate plans were taken to search out other ways and means of carrying out "the basic intent of the work that has gone forward at Haines House."

There is always a sense of regret when change necessitates the closing of work when missionaries have pioneered in fulfilling the church's witness. Its influence will live on in those who have been touched by its service and will lay the basis for a new and more realistic approach to the emerging needs for child and youth care in Alaska.

Your church may want to continue its contact in Alaska through some mission program now in operation or to transfer your focus of interest to another area of the church's outreach in America. If so, will you let me know at once and I shall be delighted to make a definite suggestion.

If your church was related to a particular missionary, we shall get in touch with you later when these future plans have been determined.

Cordially yours,

JG:do  
Enc.

Jane Gillespie  
Secretary for Specific Work





*James H.*

FEB 29 1960

STATE OF ALASKA  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
JUNEAU

FEBRUARY 24, 1960

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
BOARD OF NATIONAL MISSIONS  
UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
475 RIVERSIDE DRIVE  
NEW YORK 27, NEW YORK

GENTLEMEN:

IN HIS LETTER OF FEBRUARY 15, MR. KENNETH S. WEIGH, GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE BOARD OF NATIONAL MISSIONS, INFORMED ME OF THE INTENTION TO CLOSE HAINES HOUSE.

THE BOARD OF NATIONAL MISSIONS, THROUGH HAINES HOUSE, PROVIDES ONE OF THE OLDEST FOSTER HOMES FOR CHILDREN IN ALASKA. ITS CLOSURE WILL MEAN THE FURTHER DISTURBING OF CHILDREN ALREADY HANDICAPPED BY UNFORTUNATE, OR EVEN NON-EXISTENT, HOMES.

ALASKA BADLY NEEDS SUCH FACILITIES. INCLUDING HAINES HOUSE, THERE ARE ONLY 26 CHILDREN'S HOMES IN ALASKA, ONLY FOUR OF WHICH ARE IN SOUTHEAST ALASKA. THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND WELFARE HAS APPROXIMATELY 202 CHILDREN IN ITS CARE, THERE BEING AT LEAST THAT MANY MORE IN FOSTER HOMES BUT NOT AS WARDS OF THE DEPARTMENT. WHILE THE CLOSURE OF HAINES HOUSE WILL CAUSE THE IMMEDIATE DISPERSAL OF ONLY 26 CHILDREN, IT WILL ALSO MEAN THAT THOSE FACILITIES WILL NOT SERVE OTHER CHILDREN IN THE FUTURE.

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HAS LONG BEEN FAVORABLY KNOWN THROUGHOUT ALASKA FOR ITS ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN EDUCATION, YET THE CLOSURE OF HAINES HOUSE WILL MEAN THE WITHDRAWAL OF A CONSIDERABLE NUMBER OF PUPILS AND STUDENTS FROM THE HAINES PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM AND MAY JEOPARDIZE ACCREDITATION THROUGH LOSS OF SOME FACULTY MEMBERS.

ALTHOUGH ALASKA HAS BEEN SETTLED FOR MORE THAN A CENTURY, AND IS EXPERIENCING MARKED GROWTH, IT IS STILL, BASICALLY,

FEBRUARY 24, 1960

A PIONEER COUNTRY. WE HAVE NOT YET THE RESOURCES UPON WHICH TO DRAW FOR ADEQUATE CARE AND EDUCATION OF UNFORTUNATE CHILDREN.

ALASKA, IN ITS LONG WAIT FOR SELF-GOVERNMENT, HAD, THROUGH CIRCUMSTANCES TOO LENGTHY TO RECITE, LITTLE OPPORTUNITY TO BUILD A BROAD AND SUBSTANTIAL BASE FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE VARIED PROGRAMS PRESENTLY NEEDED BY ITS CITIZENS. THEREFORE, WE MUST CONTINUE TO RELY UPON CHURCHES AND OTHER CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS TO CONTINUE THE WORK WHICH THEY HAVE DONE DURING THE DECADES THAT ALASKA WAS A TERRITORY.

THE PRESENCE OF HAINES HOUSE HAS LONG PROVIDED A STABILIZING AND SETTLING INFLUENCE FOR HAINES AND THE ENTIRE CHILKAT VALLEY. ITS CLOSURE WILL MEAN A DEGREE OF RETROGRESSION FOR A COMMUNITY ALREADY MARGINAL IN MANY RESPECTS.

IT WAS ONLY IN 1958 THAT HAINES COULD ATTRACT A PHYSICIAN--A YOUNG DOCTOR JUST DISCHARGED FROM THE ARMY. AN APPRECIABLE PORTION OF HIS INCOME DERIVES FROM HIS ENGAGEMENT BY HAINES HOUSE. IF HAINES HOUSE IS CLOSED, IT IS NOT IMPROBABLE THAT THE RESIDENTS OF HAINES WILL AGAIN BE WITHOUT RESIDENT MEDICAL CARE. THIS WILL MEAN SERIOUS COMMUNITY-WIDE HARSHSHIP. THE NATIVES, WHOM THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HAS ASSISTED SINCE ITS FIRST MISSIONARIES VENTURED INTO THE AREA, HAVE RESORT, IT IS TRUE, TO THE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS, BUT THE ABSENCE OF A RESIDENT PHYSICIAN WOULD REMOVE PROSPECT OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE.

THE CLOSURE OF HAINES HOUSE WOULD NOT BE THE FIRST SUCH ADVERSE DEVELOPMENT IN RECENT MONTHS. THE NEARBY PIUS X MISSION IN SKAGWAY CLOSED ONLY LAST YEAR.

WHILE I KNOW YOUR DECISION TO ABANDON WORK TO WHICH YOU HAD BEEN DEVOTED FOR SO MANY YEARS WAS NOT HASTILY MADE, I WOULD URGE ITS RECONSIDERATION. EDUCATION IS OUR ONE REAL WEAPON FOR PEACE IN THIS TROUBLED AND ANXIOUS WORLD, AND WE CANNOT ACCEPT SILENTLY THE LOSS OF THE PROPER CARE AND THE EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY WHICH HAINES HOUSE REPRESENTS. THEREFORE, I APPEAL TO YOU, ON THE BASIS OF YOUR MANY YEARS' CONCERN FOR THE WELL BEING OF THE LESS FORTUNATE AND YOUR MANY YEARS' GENEROSITY TO ALASKANS, TO RECONSIDER YOUR DECISION TO CLOSE HAINES HOUSE.

MR. NEIGH STATED THAT MR. JOHN PARK LEE WILL BE IN CONTACT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND WELFARE. I AM SURE THAT EVERY COOPERATION MAY BE EXPECTED FROM THE DEPARTMENT TOWARD THE CONTINUANCE OF HAINES HOUSE ON A FEASIBLE BASIS.



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
BOARD OF NATIONAL MISSIONS

FEBRUARY 24, 1960

ALASKA MUST CONTINUE TO RELY UPON THE CHURCHES AND MISSIONS WHICH HAVE CONDUCTED MANY WELFARE AND EDUCATION PROGRAMS UNTIL SUCH TIME AS IT CAN ASSUME THOSE RESPONSIBILITIES MORE FULLY. THE TRANSITION TO STATEHOOD POSES MANY PROBLEMS AND I AM, NATURALLY, DEEPLY DISTURBED AT THE PROSPECT OF OUR FACING THIS LOSS AT THIS TIME. THE EFFECT OF SUCH CLOSURE ON HAINES AND ON THE CHILDREN INVOLVED WOULD BE SUCH THAT I, AS GOVERNOR, CANNOT FAIL TO ASK YOUR RECONSIDERATION WHILE ACKNOWLEDGING ALASKA'S GREAT GRATITUDE EXTENDING OVER THE MANY YEARS OF HAINES HOUSE'S OPERATION.

SINCERELY YOURS,

WILLIAM A. EGAN  
GOVERNOR

CC: MISS KATHERINE E. GLADFELTER, SECRETARY  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATIONAL AND MEDICAL WORK  
REV. WILLIAM M. PRITCHARD, JR.  
MR. LUCIEN TRIBUS  
LEGAL DEPARTMENT  
MR. WILLIAM H. IRVINE  
LEGAL DEPARTMENT

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Miss Correal  
Miss Gladfelter

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February 24, 1960

In discussing closing procedures for Haines House with Mr. Wiley, I told him that we had a statement of financial procedures which we had used in similar cases elsewhere.

Will you please, therefore, write him and send two copies of this, one for his own use and one for Miss Craig?

KEG:md  
Dictated by Miss Gladfelter  
but signed in her absence

cc: Mr. Wiley



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Mr. John Park Lee  
Katharine E. Gladfelter

February 24, 1960  
(Dictated 2-19-60)

Since I will have left for the West Indies before you return from Columbus, I want to recommend that our small committee consisting of you, Dr. Jackman and myself, co-opt Mrs. Lois Chalfont of the Sunny Hills Home, San Anselmo, California, as a social work consultant in connection with Haines House.

My reason for suggesting her name is that she has been very highly recommended to us as a thoroughly competent person. She has been in a church-related project, but is not actually employed by the Board of National Missions. In other cases where major decisions have had to be made we have tried to secure the services of a professional person who would be thoroughly objective, and it seems to me that Mrs. Chalfont is this type.

One reason I would like to see her included is because I have a feeling that the question of some type of continued service in Haines is bound to come up. If it does it could be valuable to have the judgment of some person who is not on the staff of the Board of National Missions nor employed by the State of Alaska. Too, in considering the type of services to be offered Mrs. Chalfont should be helpful in suggesting whether we should go into treatment, or whether there is enough of a need for some type of service to children who are not so seriously disturbed.

I am sure that you know Mrs. Chalfont personally, but if not Miss Irvine, who talked with her while in California last fall, would be glad to tell you something about her. We would be willing to pay Mrs. Chalfont's expenses to Alaska if she could arrange to accompany you.

KEG:md

Dictated by Miss Gladfelter  
but signed in her absence

cc: Miss Irvine



C O P Y

UNITED STATES SENATE  
Committee on  
Interior and Insular Affairs

February 25, 1960

Mrs. Matthew C. Cavell  
808 Sunset Avenue  
Evansville 13, Indiana

Dear Mrs. Cavell:

I am writing to you in connection with your service as a member of the Executive Committee of the Board of National Missions of the United Presbyterian Church in the United States of America. I think I do not need to describe to you the many outstanding services which the Board of National Missions and your church have performed in Alaska from the days of Dr. Sheldon Jackson down to the present. No other church has done more. I think no other church has done so much.

Because of the role which the Board of National Missions has so long filled in Alaska, I am greatly distressed to learn of a reported decision to discontinue the operation of Haines House at Haines, Alaska, which I understand is one of the institutions supervised by the Board's Department of Education and Medical Work. Haines House provides a foster home for forty children. This might not seem like very many, but for every such child this institution has helped heal the wounds left by broken homes, death of parents, or other personal disaster. My state needs Haines House and, especially in the early days of statehood, it would find it difficult to try, along with all its other responsibilities to fill the gap which the closing of your institution would leave.

Closing Haines House would have some unfortunate side effects. One of these would be the possible loss to the community of Haines of its well loved doctor, for whom the annual \$3,000 stipend provided by the mission forms a significant portion of his income. Taking that many children out of the community would also have a withering effect on the schools, particularly the high school which gained accreditation only a few years ago because it was able with the size of student body which attendance by the Mission children in part justified to have a quality faculty.

Information available to me here about the reported decision of your Board is scant. I am told, however, that the decision reflects a general policy of withdrawal from mission-supported institutions in States where such facilities duplicate state institutions. If that was a consideration here it was an erroneous one, as Alaska is not yet sufficiently strong to provide through the state for the care of all the young people that need Christian homes and sympathetic care through formative years of growth. At Haines this institution has provided a uniquely beneficent moral climate.

It has been suggested to me by Alaskans who are greatly concerned over the reported decision of the Board that I might try to put into words the feelings of many young Alaskans who are now mute but whose hearts yearn for the fatherly Christian love and guidance furnished down through the years of the dedicated people of Haines house and whose lives are poised at the crossroads waiting only Christian acceptance and example before becoming part of the strength and leadership of our young state. That I have tried to state to you in this letter.

I would appreciate your reconsidering, if it is in fact true that your Board contemplates closing Haines House. That would be a tragedy.



With best wishes, I remain

Cordially yours,

ERNEST GRUENING

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Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

DEPT. OF ED. & MED.

FEBRUARY 26, 1960

MISS ELEANOR CRAIG  
HAINES HOUSE  
HAINES, ALASKA

MRS. LOIS CHALFONT SOCIAL WORKER FOR SUNNY HILLS HOME, SAN ANSELMO, CALIFORNIA  
ARRIVING HAINES AFTERNOON FLIGHT MARCH FIVE. PLEASE RESERVE ROOM SEVERAL DAYS  
FOR HER AT HAINES HOUSE.

BETTY A. ISBISTER

BAI:tc



VIA AIRMAIL

February 29, 1960

Mrs. Lois Chalfont  
Sunny Hills Home  
San Anselmo, California

My dear Mrs. Chalfont:

At the suggestion of Mr. John Park Lee, I am enclosing the names of some of the people in Haines, Juneau, Port Chilkoot and Fairbanks (if you get that far) whom you will want to see when you are in Alaska.

I have sent a letter to Miss Isabel Miller, whom I believe you met at the recent health and welfare conference in Columbus, Ohio, stating that you expect to arrive in Juneau on Saturday, March 5, with the hopes that Miss Miller will have an opportunity to visit with you and Mr. Lee when you are in Juneau.

Our best wishes go with you for a most enjoyable trip to Alaska.

Sincerely yours,

Betty A. Isbister  
Assistant Secretary, Department  
of Educational and Medical Work

BAI:tc  
cc: Mr. John Park Lee  
Encl.

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Madene Humphreys, Corresponding Secretary

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Carl Heinmiller, Mayor

### JUNEAU

Eugene V. Zinck, District Representative, District Welfare Office  
131 Main Street, Juneau, Alaska  
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First Presbyterian Church, Fairbanks, Alaska

Brian H. Cleworth, Minister



Miss Isabel Miller

February 29, 1960

Betty A. Isbister

Southeastern Alaska

Visit of Mrs. Chalfont

Mr. John Park Lee has just informed me that Mrs. Lois Chalfont of the Sunny Hills Home, San Anselmo, California, is arriving at the Juneau airport via Pan American at 10:30 A.M. Saturday, March 5. Mr. Lee would like to have you meet Mrs. Chalfont and has instructed her to proceed to the hotel in Juneau and he will meet her there. He would like you to meet both Mrs. Chalfont and himself in the hotel lobby that morning and will be in touch with you when he arrives in Juneau, March 3.

Mrs. Chalfont is a highly competent person and skilled as a social work consultant. I am sure you will enjoy meeting Mrs. Chalfont and hope your busy schedule will permit you to be in Juneau on March 5.

BAI:tc

cc: Miss Craig

Mr. Lee

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Dr. Kenneth G. Neigh  
Dr. Alexander E. Sharp  
Katharine E. Gladfelter

Egan  
March 7, 1960

Communication from the Governor of Alaska  
Re Board's Decision to Close Haines House

I am hastening to send you on my return to the office from the Dominican Republic the attached copy of a letter from Governor Egan of Alaska relative to the Board's decision to close Haines House. It is probable that you have heard directly from the Governor since he refers to a communication from Dr. Neigh, but I felt that you should have the attached material in any case.

I am very glad to learn on my return to the office that Mrs. Lois Chalfont, a well-qualified social worker whose name we suggested to Mr. Lee, is to be in Alaska with him as I am sure we all feel the need of advice and help from a fully-qualified person in the field of social work. Mrs. Chalfont has been at the Sunny Hill Children's Home in California. Miss Irvine talked with her while she was on the Coast in the fall and brought back a very enthusiastic report with the suggestion that if we ever had an opening within the work of the Board of National Missions Mrs. Chalfont would seem to be a career person to be considered.

KEG:md  
Att.

Katharine E. Gladfelter



MAR 9 1960

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

BOARD OF NATIONAL MISSIONS

TO Miss Katharine Gladfelter, cc to Miss Betty Isbister  
FROM Jane Gillespie  
RE:

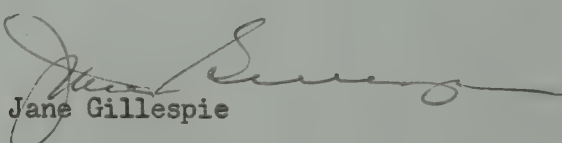
DATE March 8, 1960

Attached herewith is a copy of the form letter which we sent out to 12 churches sponsoring the work of Haines House and the same letter sent out to 11 churches sponsoring the work at Tucson Indian Training School. These were accompanied by the release prepared by Dr. Neigh.

Individual letters went out to the women's groups supporting these two projects with definite recommendations of transfer. There were four Presbyterials supporting Haines House and we have asked them to drop their interest or transfer to Isabel Miller. There were five Presbyterials supporting Tucson Indian Training School and we are asking them to drop this interest or transfer to Sage Memorial Hospital.

There is a San Francisco permanent fund, the Lloyd Endowment Fund, for Haines House for which we should suggest a transfer and two permanent funds for Tucson Indian Training School set up by the Bridgeville Bethany Women's Society in Pittsburgh, Elsie Prugh Herndon Fund and Martha Allison Lesnett Scholarship Fund. I have alerted Miss Seubold to these asking that plans be made so that we can make recommendations to the Presbyterials involved.

JG:do  
Att.

  
Jane Gillespie

Mr. William D. Wiley

March 8, 1960

Katharine E. Gladfelter

Haines House

February "Dear Friends"  
Letter

We do not know what person or persons prepared the February "Dear Friends" letter from Haines House, but cannot resist writing to say what a very effective and very moving communication this is.

The statement is personal and warm and at the same time understanding of the reasons which led to the Board's action. We are very appreciative, therefore, of the loyal spirit of all who had a hand in its preparation.

KEG:to



Ms. Att

MAR 11 1967

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Second Street at Mulberry

Evansville 13, Indiana

Phone 3-6297

March 10 -

Dear Catherine -

This morning I am writing a note to John Park Lee and sending a copy of this letter from Senator Gessing. Probably you have seen it already. Also, there is one expressing similar reactions, from Governor Egan. I did not have it copied but since it was in reply to Dr. Neigh's letter, copies are in Dr. Ki's office, of course.

I never felt worse after a Board meeting, or more at loose ends. As I read the minutes and note the large number of interruptions to our report on Miss. Operation, I see part of the reason for the feeling of "hectic-ness". As to the Alaska problem, I am praying that finally a right solution will evolve. I truly believe that there is real concern and surely we can evolve something.

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Second Street at Mulberry

Evansville 13, Indiana

Phone 3-6297

I am inclined to agree with your observation regarding the attitude of former U. P. members toward some of our institutional work. Perhaps we can discuss this some time later.

Now, an entirely different matter - I am in the position of wearing two hats - Board member, and prospective employee. If I get mixed up and screw out of line, please help me to know the protocol. Enough for now, to say Matthew and I are very enthusiastic about the college opportunity. Leaving here will not be easy but it will help to feel we are leaving to go to something as important as we feel this is, lots of problems - and lots of opportunity. We can discuss it all, I hope, at the April Board meeting. Sincerely,  
Jean C.



*Handwritten: 672*

# Sunny Hills

SAN ANSELMO, CALIFORNIA  
TELEPHONE GLENWOOD 4-8323  
A UNITED CRUSADE AGENCY

RECEIVED

March 14, 1960

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Office of  
Health & Welfare

Mr. John Park Lee,  
National Presbyterian Health and  
Welfare Association of the United  
Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.,  
475 Riverside Drive,  
New York 27, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Lee:

Please find attached my expense account.

I have all of the receipts attached except  
the last two nights at the hotel - total \$311.59.

Sincerely,

*Handwritten signature*  
(Mrs.) Lois Chalfant  
Executive Director

LC:JB  
Encl.

*Handwritten: \$100*  
*Handwritten: H. M. ...*

EXPENSE LOG

February 15, 1960	Program	1.55
March 1	Round Trip Bus	39.21
	Additional for Jet	1.00
	Taxi to Terminal	2.00
	Limousine to Airport	1.20
March 4	Seattle	
	Limousine	1.50
	to Hotel	10.40
	Dinner & tip	3.50
March 5	Limousine	1.50
March 6	Hotel	12.00
	Plane fare - Haines	39.60
March 9	Hotel	12.00
March 10	Hotel	12.00
	3 Meals & tip on 9th	6.50
March 10	Limousine	1.20
	Taxi	2.00
	Tips enroute	2.00
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LC:JB  
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March 15, 1960

Mrs. Matthew C. Cavell  
808 Sunset Avenue  
Evansville 13, Indiana

My dear Mrs. Cavell:

Thank you for your letter of March 10 to Miss Gladfelter which has arrived while she is away on a field trip to the southwest. It will be brought to her attention when she returns to the office on March 22.

Very sincerely yours,

Betty A. Isbister  
Assistant Secretary, Department  
of Educational and Medical Work

BAI:tc

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Dr. Kenneth G. Neigh  
Katharine E. Gladfelter

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March 15, 1960

I am sending you herewith letters from Senator Ernest Gruening of Alaska to Dr. Armstrong and Dr. Turner relative to the Board's decision about the closing of Haines House. I suspect that you have heard from Senator Gruening directly, and so I am passing this material along just to insure that your file of correspondence on the subject of Haines House is complete!!

KGG:md  
Dictated by Miss Gladfelter  
but signed in her absence

Atte.

ccs: Dr. Turner  
Dr. Armstrong

P. S. I see that I also have a copy of the Senator's letter to Mrs. Beattie, so I am sending this also.



REQUEST FOR PAYMENT

Exact Budget  
or Account No. \_\_\_\_\_

**Travel Secretaries G-200 T**

Exact Name of Payee:

**Mrs. Lois Chalfant  
Executive Director  
Sunny Hills  
San Anselmo, California**

For:

**Expenses for Alaska Trip..\$311.59  
Honorarium ..... 100.00  
\$411.59**

Date <b>3/23/60</b>	dollars <b>411</b>	cents <b>59</b>
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Approved by:

**Katharine B. Gladfelter**

Disposition of Check

Wanted by	Delivered	Mailed
<b>KRG:md Atts.: Expense Statement Airlines Ticket Stub</b>		<b>directly to Payee at the above address</b>

March 18, 1960

Mrs. Lois Chalfonte  
Sunny Hills Home  
San Anselmo, California

My dear Mrs. Chalfonte:

Mr. John Park Lee has requested that I write you for your list of expenses incurred during your recent trip to Haines, Alaska.

We are glad you were able to make the trip and will look forward to receiving your expense list as soon as possible.

Very sincerely yours,

Betty A. Isbister  
Assistant Secretary, Department of  
Educational and Medical Work

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Miss Gertrude Seubold  
Katharine E. Gladfelter  
Mrs. Lois Chalfant--Reimbursement for  
Traveling Expenses to Alaska plus an  
Honorarium

March 23, 1960

The attached REQUEST FOR PAYMENT of \$411.59 to Mrs. Lois Chalfant requires an explanation.

You will recall that at the February Board Meeting when Haines House was discussed a study was to be made and a report given to the Board in April. The study was referred to the Cabinet of Missionary Operation, and Dr. Jackman, Mr. Lee and I were appointed as the committee to assemble materials for the Cabinet.

Mr. Lee was free early in March so we asked him to go to Alaska. We felt the need however of a trained consultant with both training and experience in the field of social work, and so asked Mrs. Chalfant, the Executive Director of the Sunny Hills Home for children in California, to accompany Mr. Lee. Her trip to Alaska was made, therefore, as a consultant in relation to a study requested by the Board.

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March 23, 1960  
Dictated 3/22/60

Mrs. Lois Chalfant  
Executive Director  
Sunny Hills  
San Anselmo, California

My dear Mrs. Chalfant:

I have just seen your letter of March 14 to Mr. Lee on my return to the office from a field trip to the Southwest, and am writing to say that the Treasury will send you a check for \$411.59 in the near future. This will cover your expenses as you reported them, together with an honorarium of \$100.00.

Since I just returned to the office a couple of hours ago, I have not yet had time to read your report and Mr. Lee's. The committee is to meet tomorrow morning however, and so the report will go home with me for careful reading tonight.

I cannot tell you how pleased I was when you were able to accept our invitation to go to Alaska to secure information for the Board. Miss Irvine reported last fall Mr. O'Neill's enthusiasm for you and her own interest in what you are doing so that when we felt the need of having a consultant for our immediate problem in Alaska you were the first person who came to mind.

Very sincerely yours,

Katharine E. Gladfelter  
Secretary, Department of  
Educational and Medical Work

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TO Miss Gladfelter  
FROM Dept. of Work in Alaska  
RE Haines House, Alaska

DATE 3/31/60

Dr. Jackman has suggested that we share with you, the narrative of the Rev. Mr. Hartmann's February 1960 report inasmuch as it pertains to Haines House:

February 1960 Narrative report  
from The Rev. Mr. Hartmann

3/11/60

**MONTHLY REPORT, CONTINUED** (Original and 3 carbons)  
Report highlights of work accomplished, indicating progress in program for the year; relate successes, gratifying experiences, special problems or needs; and summarize special meetings and activities. If space is insufficient, use plain paper to complete report.

*copy to D.K. 3/28/60*

Chief development in the field during February, of course, was the announcement of the incipient closing of Haines House. This will have a serious effect on the community in many ways: the loss of two teachers from the public school due to the reduction in enrollment and hence income; the possible loss of the community's physician because of the reduction in his meager income at the termination of his contract with the Board; and the loss of leadership in community and church with the removal of so many qualified people at one time.

The sudden action of the Board has shocked and stunned people in church and community, for the reasons annexed to the move seem to us close at hand to have little validity, in fact to be distorted out of proportion. Repeatedly the statement has been made that the 'community doesn't want the Mission'. Yet a survey of the valley by the Chamber of Commerce this month shows that more than 90% of the population wants work like the present work continued.

In the church itself, the closing of Haines House will mean the loss of one active member from each of the three boards, Session, Deacons, and Trustees, and of three department supervisors from the Sunday School, as well as the Superintendent. It will reduce the enrollment of the Sunday School by one-quarter, and average church attendance by about 20%. Church income (on the basis of last year's pledges) will be reduced by 25%.

On the other hand, there are already signs that the emergency may bring increased response to the Church's efforts on the part of the townspeople. Several have already volunteered as Church School teachers. Of course, they do not bring the high degree of devotion and training that was represented by the Haines House group of supervisors, but this may be the fruition of the efforts in the past to make the church a Community church. Our Church School, also, may be more effective and better disciplined as it no longer has a large minority of children who resent being forced to come.

It looks as though a congregational planning retreat is in order later this spring in order to face the problems raised by the closing of the Mission; it can also face the problems of the forthcoming furlough. Unfortunately, because of Ruth's major operation this month, a rest time will be definitely necessary this summer, but I wish it weren't necessary. This is hardly the time to leave the church even for a time.

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March 31, 1960

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Mrs. Lois Chalfant  
Executive Director  
Sunny Hills  
San Anselmo, California

My dear Mrs. Chalfant:

At Mr. Lee's request, I am sending you a copy of the report on Haines House as it has been set up for presentation to the Cabinet of our Division at its meeting on April 6. You will notice that this material contains your report as well as the recommendations of the committee.

Mr. Lee mentioned that you had promised to send a copy of your findings to Mr. Dobler. We feel, however, that since the report is to be made to the Cabinet and the Board that it should be considered confidential at this stage. I am sure you will understand this since we would not want any false hopes to get out in the community of Haines!

Very sincerely yours,

Katharine E. Gladfelter  
Secretary, Department of  
Educational and Medical Work

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